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going through their work. He is as much interested in expediting the Bill as any. I therefore appeal to him and his Colleagues to make it convenient to come down here and expedite the work, as otherwise the House would vote against it."

* Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"I am opposed to this motion, not only on account of the expenditure that would be incurred, but on account of the convenience of hearing witnesses at Madras. I think it is the duty of the members of the Select Committee, though it will be unpleasant, to visit those places which are considered to be disreputable. When this Bill was sent to the Mangalore Municipal Council for its opinion, they referred it to myself and they wanted to hear some witnesses. I said 'What is the use of hearing witnesses; you must visit those places.' We visited some places and saw a lot of things undreamt of before. This Committee should go out and find out for themselves the true state of affairs."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"I presume that the hon. Member is aware that the standing order provides only for the examination of expert witnesses. There is no provision to visit any places."

* Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"I want to know who are the expert witnesses. It looks very funny to take the witnesses all the way to Ootacamund to find out what is going on in Madras. The Bill concerns itself primarily with the Madras City. I think the witnesses can be examined on the spot and the Committee can find out for themselves whether what is stated is true or not."

* The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"Sir, at the last meeting of the Select Committee it was suggested that it would be rather difficult for members of the committee to come here and attend its meetings in April. But now there seems to be a good deal of difference of opinion. If it is possible for hon. Members to meet during the first week of April at Madras, we may sit for two weeks and finish our work. Anyhow I leave the question to the hon. Members to decide as they please. The Government will remain neutral."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—"I withdraw in view of the fact that the Government are prepared to come down to Madras to attend the Select Committee meeting in the first and second week of April."

The motion was by leave withdrawn.

VII

RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 8 OF THE COTTON TRANSPORT ACT, 1923.

* The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"Sir, I move—

'*This Council recommends to the Government that the following notification submitted to the Council for approval under section 8 of the Cotton Transport Act*, 1923 (*III of* 1923), *as amended by the Cotton Transport (Amendment) Act*, 1925 (*XXXIV of* 1925), *be issued by the Local Government in the form in which it has been so submitted :—*

Notification.

"*In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section* (2) *of section* 3 *of the Cotton Transport Act*, 1923 (*III of* 1923), *as amended by the Cotton Transport (Amendment) Act*, 1925 (*XXXIV of* 1925), *read with*

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section 21 of the General Clauses Act, 1897 (*X of* 1897), *the Governor acting with his Ministers is hereby pleased to make the following amendments to the notification of the Local Government in Development Department, No.* 278, *dated* 19*th September* 1928, *published at pages* 1455 *to* 1461 *of Part I of the* Fort St. George Gazette, *dated* 25*th September* 1928 :—

Amendments.

" *In paragraph* 2 *of Schedule II of the said notification, after the words " from Villupuram to Shinnababusamudram both inclusive " the words " from Villupuram to Trichinopoly both inclusive ", after the words " from Trichinopoly to Erode both inclusive " the words " from Dindigul to Pollachi both inclusive " and after the words " from Madura Junction to Tuticorin both inclusive " the words " from Madura Junction to Bodinayakanur both inclusive " shall be inserted.*

Explanatory Memorandum.

" *Paragraph* 2 *of Schedule II to the notification issued under the Cotton Transport Act on* 25*th September* 1928 *mentions the railway stations in the southern protected area at which the delivery to, and the taking of delivery by, any person of any cotton (kapas, ginned cotton or cotton waste) when such cotton has been consigned from a railway station not situated in the said area is prohibited unless such person holds the prescribed licence for its import into the said area. Consequent on the opening of new branch lines on the South Indian Railway recently from Didigul to Pollachi, from Madura to Bodinayakanur and from Villupuram to Trichinopoly the existing notification becomes incomplete without the inclusion of the stations situated on these lines in Schedule II. Hence the need for the present notification.*" '

" Sir, it is a simple matter and also non-controversial, and the reasons have been given in the explanatory memorandum. Since the issue of the notification some new lines have been opened in the South Indian Railway. Hence the necessity for this amendment now."

* The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I second it."

The motion was carried.

VIII

A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS MEDICAL REGISTRATION ACT, 1914.

* The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Sir, I beg to introduce a Bill* to amend the Madras Medical Registration Act, 1914. I move that this Bill be taken into consideration. Section 14 of this Act provides for the registration of any medical practitioners. As stated in the statement of objects and reasons, the Government of India have consulted the Local Governments as to the necessity of establishing a sort of reciprocal relationship with regard to registration fees in the provinces. This Government have agreed with that view and hence the necessity for amending this Act."

* The hon. Mr. T. E. MOIR :—" I second it."

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